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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee,  
please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 8 and add new claims 9 and 10 as follows:

B1 1. [(Amended)] A magnetic thin film, characterized by being a  
polycrystalline film comprising:

Fe whose content is not less than 57.5 atomic% and not more than 94.5  
atomic%;